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Legislative budget decision for community colleges not yet final

EMILY WILLIAMS
Chieftain Editor

The Mississippi Legislature has yet to deliver its final verdict on the budget proposal presented earlier this year by the Mississippi Community College Board, according to ICC President Dr. David Cole.

On December 3, 2012, the Community College Board met with local legislators to request additional state funding for community college programs including mid-level funding, capital improvements and dropout recovery, Cole said.

D. Cole

In January, the legislature convened to review and address this proposal, but it has yet to make an official decision.

"They are still in the talking and negotiating phase," Cole said. Nothing further can be determined until Apr. 7, when the legislature is slated to formally decide through legislation.

Sewell selected as Most Beautiful

Top, Winners of the 2013 Most Beautiful pageant at ICC include, from left, Caitlin Renea Kendrick of Amory, third alternate; Logan Whitworth of Mooreville, first alternate; Haley Len Sewell of Pontotoc, Most Beautiful; Magen Swails of Caledonia, second alternate; Bridget Hancock of Grenada, fourth alternate; and Karmen Leigh Spratlin of Houston, viewer's choice; Right, Buddy Collins, vice president of Student Services, waits to extend the College's congratulations following the crowning.

SGA officer elections begin today

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Student Government Association elections for fall semester officers will begin today (Mar. 25).

Officers to be elected include Fulton Campus vice president and Tupelo Campus president. All other officer candidates are unopposed.

Candidates on the ballot include Antonio D. Arnett and William Blake Trehern, Fulton Campus vice president; and Patricia Marie Dillard and Neyda Sandoval, Tupelo Campus president.

Those who are unopposed and elected include Fulton Campus — Trevor K. Hood, president; Emily M. Short, secretary; and Abby L. Rodgers, treasurer; and Tupelo Campus — Patience Campbell, vice president; Tramesha Faith Cook, secretary; and Sarah Abbott, treasurer.

Online voting will be today through tomorrow at 3 p.m.

To vote, log on to the GO2ICC portal. For username and/or password assistance, contact the TIS Help Desk at (662) 862-8295. Click on the voting tab, and a specific ballot will be displayed. To submit a vote, click the box beside a candidate's name in each election and click the submit button. — **See *ELECTION*, p. 9.**

Anna Roberts named Coca-Cola Bronze Scholar

Chieftain Reports

Itawamba Community College sophomore Anna Roberts of Pontotoc has been named a 2013 Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team Bronze Scholar.

She will be recognized during Phi Theta Kappa's annual convention, Apr. 4-6, in San Jose, Calif.

The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation sponsors the Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team program by recognizing 50 Gold, 50 Silver and 50 Bronze Scholars and providing nearly $200,000 in scholarships annually. Each Bronze Scholar receives a $1,000 scholarship and a special medallion.

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society administers the Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team program and recognizes Coca-Cola Community College Scholars during All-State Community College Academic Team

An independent panel of judges considers outstanding academic rigor, grade point average, academic and leadership awards and engagement in college and community service in the selection process.

Roberts, is majoring in pre-nursing. Her honors are Phi Theta Kappa president, All-Mississippi Academic Team, homecoming court and president's list. She is the daughter of Eugene and Vickie Roberts.

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Spring is renewal time for us, too!

Ladies and gentlemen....spring is finally here! After much anticipation, having patiently endured the caprices of a Southern winter and having suffered one final, grueling cold snap, we now may burst outdoors to frolic in the increasingly balmier temperatures and marvel at nature's renewal. Go ahead. Celebrate!

Birds are singing. Trees are blooming. Grass is turning green again, and gardeners across northeast Mississippi are waking from hibernation to join in the excitement.

One of my favorite parts of springtime is getting to watch amateur and seasoned horticulturalists alike delve into their flower beds and truck patches to nurture their passion for helping living things grow.

Viewpoint

Considering the extensive labor that they put into making their gardens flourish reminds me of the similarities we as students and workers share with their situation.

One of the first activities I have watched these gardeners perform this year has been pruning. They have reduced enormous shrubs and trees to bonsais, all in the name of making that plant healthier and stronger. To those inexperienced with their art, this can seem like drastic and erratic behavior from some nature fanatics whom winter has cooped up indoors for a little too long.

On the contrary, though, these men and women know exactly what they are doing: cutting the plant back so much actually stimulates it to flourish more than it has in its previous state.

How much good would pruning do in our own lives? Although we may be satisfied with our current position, are we really growing? Perhaps cutting back on certain habits that have slowly taken control of us would provide room for other, more valuable skills to shoot up and help us to progress professionally.

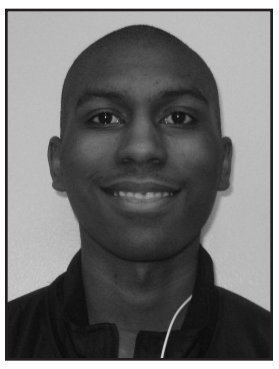
Imagine how much knowledge and wisdom we could gain in an important area of our lives simply by pruning back the amount of time we spend watching *Duck Dynasty* or playing *Black Ops 2*. Instead of spending four hours watching ZZ Top in camouflage or living vicariously through a controller, we could do that for two hours and study for a class or volunteer in our community for the other two. After a couple of weeks of consistently practicing this, we may find our grades and attitudes significantly improving.

Again, think of how gardeners will spend hours weeding their flower beds at the risk of getting dirty and causing a sore back. They do not do this because the sun has finally gotten to them. They do it because the weeds suffocate their other flowers and steal vital nutrients from them. In order for the garden to thrive, the weeds must go.

Likewise, we would do well to eradicate certain behaviors from our lives. While we simply need to regulate some activities, there are others that we need to completely uproot. These include the thoughts and activities that drain us and starve whatever makes us better of our energy and enthusiasm. — ***See RENEWAL, page 8.***

STUDENT VOICES

Why does graduation matter at Itawamba Community College?

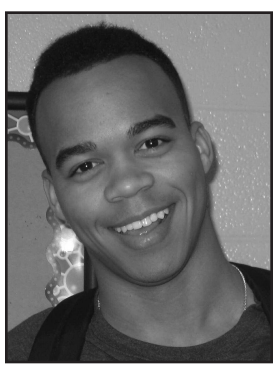


PAUL KIRK
Aberdeen
"It prepares you for a university and allows you to obtain your associate's degree...."

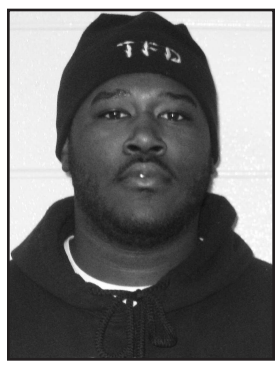
ANNA KATHERINE LETSON
Saltillo
"It's the first step in preparing you for the rest of your life..."

MEGAN LYONS
Saltillo
"It prepares you to go to a university and for the job you choose."

CHARLOTTE CROOKS
Saltillo
"...It is a big achievement in your college career and helps build to a person's degree."



CHRIS FORRESTER
Tupelo
"...It matures you for your future and helps you obtain a job."

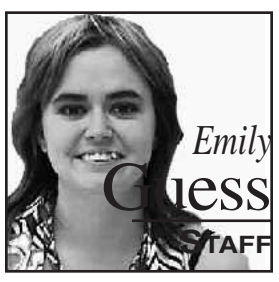


ORLANDO PANNELL
Tupelo
"It is the first step in preparation for a university or straight into working on your career."

The opinion poll was conducted by Samantha Warren.

Spring: Be weather-aware

Commentary



Spring is here. New life is blooming.

What most people don't think about is that Spring brings not only beauty but also a time for severe weather.

Many people don't like to remember the Smithville tornado on April 27, 2011, and many are still in shock over the more recent tornado that hit the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg.

This Spring, be ready for severe weather. Here are some tips...

1. Make sure you have a source of light such as candles and matches or flashlights if the power goes out.

2. During bad weather, we should pay attention to our surroundings. Listen to the radio or TV or check the Internet for warnings.

3. If there is a tornado warning in your area, move immediately to shelters and reinforced safe rooms. If you cannot reach those areas, go to the smallest, most interior room on the lowest floor of your house and take cover, or if you are at ICC, be aware of the safe places in the building where you are. If in a vehicle, move to a safe place immediately. Bridges and overpasses are not safe. If caught out in the open, lie flat in a ditch, culvert or depression and cover your head.

4. Mother Nature changes rapidly, so be prepared.

5. Have a weather kit (medical items, food, water, flashlight, blankets) ready at all times "just in case."

It's officially Spring. Be prepared.

Chieftain staff writers needed for fall 2013! For more information, email dsthomas@iccms.edu.

Commentary

Drive... don't text!

A major problem today is that drivers have adapted to texting while driving.

Whether they are on Facebook, Twitter or just shooting a friendly text message, they are constantly on their cell phones.

This is becoming a major cause of deaths or severe injuries in car crashes.

If a driver is texting, he/she is not completely focused on the road.

I am guilty of this harmful act. I catch myself texting back a friend and slowly drifting off toward the median.

Drivers put themselves into danger just by getting behind the wheel of a car, but adding a cell phone to the mix raises the risk of a wreck by 10 percent.

Teenagers are the worst age group to text and drive, although who is to blame us? We were raised in a generation focused on technology. We were glued to a computer at the age of four and walked around with our first cell phone at the age of six.

I can honestly say that most teenagers are addicted to technology.

This problem has raised concern in the business world. So much so that AT&T has started a no texting and driving petition.

Also, Miss ICC 2013 Emma Kate Avery is asking as part of her platform for the Miss Mississippi Scholarship Pageant that ICC students join her in signing a pledge.

Are we willing to risk our lives or put down our phones?

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Campus calendar of events

'13 March

25 SGA officer elections begin online

'13 April

8 Choir Concert
Fine Arts auditorium
6:30 p.m.

15 Ensemble Concert
Fine Arts auditorium
6:30 p.m.

16 Concert Band
Fine Arts auditorium
6:30 p.m.

22 Guitar Recital
Fine Arts auditorium
6:30 p.m.

See page 11 for sports schedules or LetsGoICC.com.

Staff Reports

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Apply for fall financial aid now

Now is the time to apply for federal and state financial aid for the 2013-14 school year. According to Bob Walker, director of Financial Aid, students can begin the application process about three weeks after filing the 2012 Federal Income Tax Return. Go to www.fafsa.gov for federal aid and www.mississippi.edu/riseupms. for state aid. At left, Tony Lee assists Quintin Lee with the process.

Honors Ceremony to recognize top scholars, Apr. 2

Chieftain Reports

Author Steve Williford will be the speaker for Itawamba Community College's honors ceremony at 6:300 p.m., Apr. 2, on the Fulton Campus in the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center auditorium.

During the annual Evening of Celebration: Honoring Academic Excellence Across the Curriculum, ICC's top departmental and divisional scholars will be recognized.

Williford has written several books including an American Bookseller Association's Humor Book of the Year, *When You REALLY Embarrass Yourself Nobody EVER Forgets.*

He has also cowritten books including *Steps to the Top,* Zig Ziglar; *You're the Greatest*, Frank Maguire; *Contented Cows Give Better Milk,* Bill Catlette; *The Tallest Pygmy,* Mark Giannini; *Projects in Speech Communication*, Perfection Learning; *It's Time!*, Bud Davis; *The Longaberger Story,* Dave Longaberger; *They Said It Couldn't Be Done,* Wallene Dockery; *Hardwiring Excellence,* Quint Studer and *A Strategy for Winning,* Carl Mays.

For many years Williford has worked as speech writer for Fred Smith, chairman and founder of FedEx, and he continues to work with FedEx on selected projects. Other clients include Kemmons Wilson, chairman and founder, Holiday Inns; William Trout, president of Rhodes College; Mike Snider, Grand Ole Opry; Larry Pappasan, president of Smith and Nephew Orthopaedics; Dr. Steve Sinatra, director of New England Medical Center; and Pat Boone and Art Linkletter, entertainers.

He earned the bachelor's degree in speech from David Lipscomb University and a master's degree in communication psychology from the University f Memphis.

He teaches an adult Wednesday night Bible class in Memphis, Tenn., where he lives.

ICC solicits student feedback on services

Chieftain Reports

ICC's administrators are seeking feedback from students in a variety of areas including instruction and student services.

Students are receiving email requests for their opinion, according to Amy Cappleman, director of Strategic Planning and Assessment.

"The SEI, which will be given for all classes (traditional and online) this semester, will be available online to students through emailed links to each student's email account."

The surveys are conducted through the office of Institutional Research, Effectiveness and Accountability, which is completely independent from the Student Services and Instructional Services divisions. "Instructors do not receive the SEI results until after grades are submitted at the end of each semester," Cappleman said. Comments on SEIs are always viewed by administration.

Those who complete all SEIs early by the Mar. 29 deadline will have an opportunity to register early for classes.

The surveys will be administered through Apr. 12. During the same time frame, additional surveys will include the bookstore, student affairs and student activities. All survey responses are confidential.

Bullying will get better only if we raise awareness

Commentary

Robert Sandlin
STAFF

No matter where you are in the world, bullying can happen to you. To what extent? We really don't know.

People of all ages, young and old, are being bullied in some shape or form.

No matter your race, to whom or what you're attracted, music, movies, books or friends, someone, somewhere is going to try to find something wrong with that because it doesn't fit into their view of how society should be.

I was often bullied throughout junior high school. I was called 'gay' and told I had a 'crater face.' I remember feeling so low and so hurt by all of those words that I let them define me for the next few years.

Over time, however, I've learned that with faith and the support of family and friends, it gets better. As a Christian, I realize that it's not what people say or think about you. It's only God's opinion that matters.

If you're being physically, verbally or mentally bullied, it gets better. Bullying in college may not happen as much or to the extreme that it does in junior high school or high school.

Recently I watched a controversial documentary called "Bully" with my dad. What I witnessed flash across the screen for 90 minutes was utterly sad and emotional. Young people from all across America were being pushed, shoved, punched, kicked and stabbed. And, 11- and 18-year-olds committed suicide because of bullying.

This is a problem that must be stopped now.

Not a single person should have to suffer through the torment of bullying. No one should feel like his/her only option is to take his/her own life because of bullying. Every life is precious.

Perhaps Christian artist Britt Nicole says it best in *Gold*. "This, this is for all the girls and boys all over the world. Whatever you've been told, you're worth more than gold. So hold your head up high. It's your time to shine. From the inside out, it shows. You're worth more than gold." And that's true.

If it's happening to you, talk to a friend, a family member or a school official.

It will get better, but only if we take a stand and raise awareness of this horrible reality of bullying.

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Larry Boggs, director of Recruitment and Scholarships at ICC, discusses responsibilities with summer orientation leaders last week at the Fulton Campus. The students will lead small group activities, conduct campus tours and provide information to incoming freshmen.

ICC selects orientation leaders for summer sessions

Chieftain Reports

Itawamba Community College has selected its leaders for the 2013 summer orientation sessions.

They include Kealy Weeks, Carli Reeder, Mylie Beane, Tiffany White, all of Fulton; Emiley Poynor of Big Creek; Clara Watson of New Albany; Michaela Hardy of Hernando; Emily Earnest of Hamilton; Makel Hutchins, Megan Lyons, Anna Katherine Letson, Anna Laura Livingston, all of Saltillo; Neyda Sandoval, Haley Sewell, Cameron Timmons, Derien Cherry, Emily Short, Kyle Russell, all of Pontotoc; Keeton Spidle, Jameka Eddins, Shelby Ross, all of Columbus; Destiny Pennington of Thaxton; Latericka Snow of Houlka; Trevor Hood, Patience Campbell, both of Blue Springs; Katie Taylor of Hamilton, Ala.; Meme Jones of Aberdeen; Bethany Lindsey of Mantachie; Lauren Hinds of Guntown; Lynn Dunnam, Lexie Higgins, both of Mooreviillle.; Chet Crawford, Brandon Tutor, both of Randolph; Binita Barath, Martes Thompson, both of Tupelo; Joy Welch of Oxford; Nolen Hood of Houston and Lesley Hudson of Amory.

They will lead small group activities, conduct campus tours and provide information to incoming freshmen during the sessions, which are scheduled for June 11, 12 and 13 and July 9 and 10 at the Fulton Campus and June 14 and July 11 and 12 at the Tupelo Campus.

Three ICC faculty members selected as NISOD reps

Chieftain Reports

Faculty members Cathy Todd, Vickie Cochran and Jon Armstrong have been selected to represent Itawamba Community College at the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence, May 26-29, in Austin, Tex.

Jon Armstrong

Vickie Cochran

Cathy Todd

Armstrong is an English instructor at the Fulton Campus. His educational background includes the associate's degree from Itawamba Community College; bachelor's degree from the University of North Alabama; and the master's degree from Mississippi State University.

Cochran, a psychology instructor, is both a licensed professional counselor and national certified counselor. She is a member of the American Counseling Association, the ICC Faculty Association, Mississippi Gerontology Association and Mississippi Counseling Association. She has made several presentations for the ICC Career Center, AEOP, Student Nurses and Student Services; Mississippi Counseling Association; and the Itawamba Vocational Center. She has served as a mentor for the Tupelo High School Senior Project since August 2010. Cochran earned the bachelor's degree from Mississippi State University and the master's degree from Delta State University.

Todd, who is an associate degree nursing instructor, earned the bachelor's degree from Mississippi University for Women and the master's degree from the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

ICC's representatives will join the more than 400 faculty, staff and administrators from more than 400 community colleges and other institutions of higher learning from around the world at the conference.

GED testing set for April

Chieftain Reports

The high school equivalency (GED) test will be given at the Itawamba Community College Belden Center, Apr. 3, 6, 10, 17 and 24, and at the Houston WIN Job Center, Apr. 20, beginning at 7:30 a.m.

Prior to testing, all persons not enrolled in an ICC-sponsored ABE/GED class will be required to participate in a preregistration/orientation session, which will be each Tuesday and Thursday from 1-4 p.m. or from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Belden Center. Attendance at both of the sessions is required.WIN Job Center registration times are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-8:30 p.m. or Monday-Thursday from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

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Collegiate DECA	Jodi McCrimon	862.8144
Film Club	Morgan Cutturini	862.8167
Forestry Club	Emily Loden	862.8147
Future Edu. of America	Chris Stevenson	862.8169
Future Rad. Technol.	Paul Crum	862.8345
Indian Delegation	Allyson Cummings	862.8253
Mirror (yearbook)	Kim Williams	862.8242
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Modern Language Club	Jolene Hoots	862.8162
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	Robin Lowe	862.8166
	Heather McCormick	862.8191
	Dr. Ashley Lancaster	862.8326
Photography Club	Kim Williams	862.8242
Political Science Club	Dr. Clint Boals	862.8151
Projections	Dr. Ken Bishop	862.8161
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Science Club	Jennifer Cooper	862.8368
	Beth Campbell	862.8372
	Denise Rakestraw	862.8371
Students in Free Enter.	Joe Williams	862.8057
Student Gov. Assn.	Buddy Collins	862.8271
Student Nursing Assn.	Robin Phillips	862.8321
Nurs. Christian Fellow.	Dr. Earnest Agnew	862.8322

Tupelo Campus

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Comp. Prog./Net. Assn.	Tanya Cox	620.5114
Hlth Occ. Students Assn.	Lori Little	620.5122
Indian Delegation	Carla Rose	620.5137
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	Dr. Delena Hukle	620.5163
	Betsy White	620.5033
	Judith Griffie	620.5052
Student PTA Club	Dr. Tom Hester	620.5027
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Stu. Hlth Info.Mgmt.	Donna Vaughn	620.5123
OTA	Suzanne Chittom	620.5028

Fine Arts Performing

All-Amer. Band	Brian Gillentine	862.8305
Brass Ensemble	Dr. Cass Patrick	862.8313
CenterStage	Karen Davis	862.8306
Chamber Singers	Karen Davis	862.8306
Concert Band	Dr. Cass Patrick	862.8313
Concert Choir	Karen Davis	862.8306
Jazz Ensemble	Dr. Cass Patrick	862.8313
Percussion Ensemble	Dr. Cass Patrick	862.8313
Symphonic Band	Dr. Cass Patrick	862.8313
Woodwind Ensemble	Dr. Cass Patrick	862.8313

Religious Opportunities

Baptist Student Union	Chris Burrows	862.3278
FultonEDGE	John Wayne Harris	
Fellow. of Christ. Ath.	Nanci Gray	862.8420
Wesley Foundation	John Foster	
WIRED Student Minis.	Kelvin Harris Jr.	

Go fly a kite!

Emma Kate Avery and other members of the Science Club take advantage of the Spring temperatures and windy conditions to fly kites last week at the Fulton Campus. Faculty, staff and students were invited to participate in the fun event.

March 29.... Application deadline for graduation!

Phi Theta Kappa's Upsilon Sigma wins regional awards

Chieftain Reports

The Upsilon Sigma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at the Fulton Campus won several awards at the Mississippi/Louisiana Regional Convention earlier this month.

ICC students and advisors won the following: Most Outstanding College Project award — Compete to Complete: Skills for Today, Success for Tomorrow; Most Outstanding Honors in Action project — ICC Halloween Basketball Shootout; Dr Ashley Lancaster, Horizon Award for Outstanding Advisors; Robin Lowe, runner up for the Bennie Warren Distinguished Advisor Award and Northern District Representative to the MS/LA Regional Advisory Board (three-year term); Emily Williams of Tupelo, who is the vice president of Scholarship and College Project director, runner up for Most Distinguished Chapter Officer; Most Distinguished newsletter runner-up; Most Distinguished Officer Team runner-up; Top Five Chapter; Canary Brooks of Shannon, MS/LA Regional Secretary; and Five Star Chapter.

There are 46 chapters in the Mississippi/Louisiana Region.

PTK will now be eligible for awards at the International Convention, which will be Apr. 4-6 in San Jose, Calif. The chapter will compete against 1,400 chapters.

Advisor Jolene Hoots also attended the convention.

PTK inducts new 2012-13 members

Chieftain Reports

Itawamba Community College students who joined Phi Theta Kappa during the 2012 fall and 2013 spring semesters participated in the Mar. 21 induction ceremony at the Tupelo Campus.

Jessi Stevenson, oral communication instructor at the ICC Fulton Campus, was the speaker.

Phi Theta Kappa advisor Robin Lowe recognizes Emily Williams, All-Mississippi Academic Team member, at last week's induction ceremony at the Tupelo Campus.

Inductees include Jimmy Adams, Jharissa Agnew, Benjamin Aldridge, Shelley Allen, Callie Andersen, Kyle Anderson, Tyler Andrew, Rebekah Anzuini, Kathryn Atkins, Darbie Bailey, Derek Bailey, Carleigh Ballard, Christa Ballard, Binita Barath, Taylor Barber, Brianna Barnes, James Barnes, Sarah Barrett, Myle Beane, Phillip Bearden, Laura Beasley, Kayla Bell, Emily Bennett, Adlene Blair, Melissa Boatman, Amanda Bowen, Brenda Boyd, Dana Bramlitt, Brooke Brazile, David Brock, Canary Brooks, Paige Brooks, Tracee Brooks, Kayla Buchanan, Michael Bumphis, Tracey Burgeson, Tifany Burnett, Victoria Burrell, Elizabeth Buse, Ramona Butrum, Cody Caldwell, Eden Calloway, Patience Campbell, Whitley Caradine, Whitney Caradine, Mallory Carroll, Caroline Carter, Catherine Carver, Breanna Caygle, Justin Chambers, Michael Chunn, Abby Clayton, Lela Clements, Neely Coggins, Jimmy Coker, Reid Coker, Hillary Colbert, Kari Collins, Monica Connally, Cayla Cook, Natalie Cook, Adam Cox, Daniel Cox, Cheston Crawford, Melanie Culver, Ridge Dabbs, Kyle Dahlem, Kacie Daniels, Callie Davis, Melody Davis, Shelby Davis, Vankiesha Davis, Heaven Day, Destry Dees, Katrina Dickerson, Melissa Dillard, Amanda Douglas, Stormie Downey, Ashley Dunlap, Lynn Dunnam, Emily Earnest, Jameka Eddins, Olivia Fancher, Presley Ferguson, Magdalene Fisackerly, Emily Fishwick, Adam Forsman, Jenna Franklin, Amber Frederick, Sean Gaines, John Gory, Logan Gray, Bryan Gregory, Haley Grubbs, Emily Guess, Sarah Guess, Greg Gullick, Thomas Gullick, William Gusmus, Justin Hale, Holly Hallmark, Barie Hamilton, Lydia Harding, Daniel Hardy, Michaela Hardy, Randi Harmon, Maria Harrison, Anna Harwell, Jacob Hatcher, Danielle Hathcock, Jensyn Havens, Kristen Hayes, Ashley Haynes, Kim Haynes, Juliana Headings, Raphael Henderson, Billie Henry, Nicole Herbert, Autumn Hester, Joseph Hey, Jourdon Higgins, Stephen Higgins, William Holcomb, Jameson Holder, Anna Holley, James Hood, Madyson Hood, Joshua Horton, Lesley Hudson, Colby Huffman, Anna-Blair Hunt, Olivia Hutcheson, Torie Hutchins, Kifah Issa, Theresa Jackson, Daniel James, Lisa Jeffcoats, Dustin Jensen, Justin Jensen, Meagan Johnson, Tamara Johnson, Emily Jones, Kirby Jones, Mary Jones, Vanessa Killough, Betsy Kingsley, Jacob Kirk, Allison Kizzire, Andrew Lamb, Michael Lane, Amanda Laney, Shelby Langford, Jackie Layman, Korie Leach, Kelcie Ledbetter, Anna Letson, Bethany Lindsey, Chrystal Lindsey, Reagan Livingston, Donald Loftus, Tyronica Logan, Austin Long, Megan Lyons, Jalon Mansel, Devin Martin, Kelly Mauldin, Samantha Mayo, Kelci McCormick, Charlotte McCullar, Amber McFarland, Sandra McNeely, Nicole McNinch, Donna Miller, Virginia Miller, Thomas Milstead, Allannah Mitchell, Taylor Moody, Arktavius Moore, Henderson Moorman, Victoria Morgan, Katherine Morrow, Sarah Mounce, Joseph Murphy, Megan Murphy, Kagan Nethery, Morgan Odie, Kelcie Oswalt, Lauren Oswalt, Linda Page, Rebecca Parker, Savannah Parker, Michael Pate, Krisha Peden, Samuel Perkins, Tage Philamlee, Kelly Pickens, Megan Pickle, Taylor Pierce, Ashley Pitts, Kimberly Pounders, Anna Proctor, Presley Pulse, Kayla Rakestraw, Ashley Ramage, Benjamin Ratliff, Storm Ray, Andrea Rayburn, Sonya Reed, Hallie Reeves, James Richardson, Taylor Riley, Hart Robbins, Jamey Robbins, Katie Robbins, Terry Robbins, Leslie Robinson, Reid Robinson, Stephanie Robinson, Abby Rodgers, Myles Rodgers, Morgan Rose, Shelby Ross, Kayla Ruff, Cara Sanders, Collin Ray Sanders, McKenna Sanderson, Neyda Sandoval, Marlee Sappington, Benjamin Schaefer, Timmi Schuleter, Heather Schulman, Brooke Seaton, Amanda Segovia, Tabitha Shaffer, Sharmanice Sharp, Christa Sheffield, Dalton Sheffield, Sonya Shepherd, Joseph Shirley, Emily Short, Thomas Simpson, Jessie Smith, Latericka Snow, M Solis, Darika Sorrell, Kelli Spearman, Andrea Spencer, Carla Spencer, Karmen Spratlin, Lisa Spruill, Jessica Stanford, Stephanie Stanford, Samantha Stegall, Kara Stephens, Miranda Stephens, Emelia Strickland, Cody Sullivan, Ashlyn Swain, Kerri Syms, Melissa Tackett, Andrea Taylor, Jamie Thompson, Samantha Thompson, Maegan Thorn, Morgan Tidwell, Joshua Tomes, Brandi Torre, Sonya Townsend, Gwendolyn Trahan, Ashleigh Trent, Sarah Trent, Cody Turman, Taylor Vaughn, Abby Wade, Michelle Wait, Katherine Walker, James Wall, Kelly Wall, Cheryl Walls, Aymber Warren, Samantha Warren, Clara Watson, Hannah Watson, Regan Watson,Kory Watterson, Kristin Weeden, Andrew Wheeler, Drew Wheeler, Katherine White, Mollie White, Megan Whitehead, Olivia Whittington, Amanda Wilkerson, Zachary Wilkinson, Leslie Willard, Alex Williams, Forest Williams, Haley Williams, Olivia Williams, Johnna Wilson, Samuel Wright, Emalee Yielding and Charles Young.

UPCOMING
Music&Arts

April 8
Choirs, FAA, 6:30 p.m., Free

April 9
Jazz Band, FAA, 6:30 p..m., Free

April 15
Bands, FAA, 6:30 p.m., Free

April 29
CenterStage, FAA, 6:30 p.m., Free

April 30
Big Band Dance, Cypress Pavilion,
6:30 p.m. (dance class)
7 p.m. (dance)
Free

REVIEW

Jones' CD is great for all

"Made Of" by Coco Jones

New vocal artist Coco Jones' new CD, *Made Of,* includes four songs, "Holla at the DJ," "World Is Dancing," "Deja Vu" and "Made Of."

Courtney "Coco" Jones is described as an "American actress, pop singer, rapper and dancer, who was born in Columbia, S.C., Jan. 14, 1989, but raised in Lebanon, Tenn. She played in the 2012 Disney Channel movie, "Let It Shine."

Her first track, "Holla at the DJ," has a resounding beat and artistic value, is not crass and has no explicit or implicit content unless it is understated..."*Turn the music up for me, dj are you listening."*

Her second song, "World Is Dancing" had an upbeat tempo, *"the work is done...I'm outta here...time is moving slow....I need to hit the flo..."* was enjoyable.

The third track, "Deja Vu," came on with a little instrumental play that captures moments of recollections that seem inspirational in regard to relationships through Coco's lyrics: *"feels like I'm having deja vu...is it deja vu?..."*

The last title track called "Made Of," is another great song for general audiences. It could be adult or non-adult, yet fun!

At this point, my advice is to buy the CD for a great new sound that has no discernible negative values, no vulgar vocals and no jarring, disconcerting audio. It's $5.46 well-spent at Walmart.

Five stars for me for Courtney "Coco" Jones and her new album, "Made Of."— ***Robert Nix, Chieftain Staff***

Shawn Whittington, art instructor and coordinator for the department's gallery, discusses the 2013 High School Juried Art Competition with judges last week at the Fulton Campus.

ICC hosts high school juried art show

OLIVIA WILLIAMS
Chieftain Staff

Itawamba Community College's Art Department is hosting the 2013 High School Juried Art Competition, which will continue through Mar. 28 at the gallery in the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center at the Fulton Campus.

Judging for the event was Saturday, and the winners were announced at a reception, which was held from 2-4 p.m.

One high school student from each of Mississippi's four districts are displaying their work, and the winners will advance to Washington, D.C., where they will be displayed with the winners from other states for a year at the United States Capitol Building, according to Shawn Whittington of ICC's Art Department.

The theme is "Mississippi: People, Places, and Things."

Fulton sets schedule for Indian Week

Chieftain Reports

ICC's Student Government Association on the Fulton Campus has set a tentative schedule for Indian Week activities.

They include

Monday — Video Games, 5:30-9:30 p.m., Student Activities Center;

Tuesday — Hotdog Cookout, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Crane Pavilion; Thinkfast Game Show, 7 p.m., Fine Arts auditorium;

Wednesday — Hamburger Cookout, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Crane Pavilion; Temporary Tattoo Artist, noon-4 p.m., Crane Pavilion;

Thursday — Hotdog Cookout, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Crane Pavilion; Indian Idol Finale (Decade Night), 7 p.m., Fine Arts auditorium.

The week will be Apr. 22-25.

A complete schedule of activities for both the Fulton and Tupelo campuses will be included in the Apr. 22 issue of the *Chieftain.*

For more information on Fulton activities, contact Nolen Hood, Fulton Campus SGA President at jnhood01@my.iccms.edu.

Caitlin Kendrick auditions for Indian Idol last Thursday at Fulton. The finale will be Apr. 25 at 7 p.m.

RENEWAL

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Smoking, heavy drinking, excessive partying — none of this does anything for us other than debilitate our capacity for real achievement.

The time has come for us to lay aside the excuses and weed those out. As hard as that may be, the rewards will more than justify the effort.

Just like a gardener takes away from the garden to help it flourish, he/she also gives it water and additional nutrients to encourage such growth. A flower may get along well enough by itself, but it will bloom so much better when someone makes sure to feed it properly.

Have we considered our own state? What have we actually fed our minds and spirits lately? Maybe we should seriously consider incorporating additional nutrients into our spiritual diets. Exposing ourselves to new music, art and literature, especially, provides our intellect and emotions with the nourishment upon which they thrive. Enriching ourselves through these avenues can actually go a long way in sustaining us through the more mundane periods of life.

While all of our local agriculturalists are paying so much attention to their gardens right now, why don't we follow their lead as we cultivate our lives? These changes will certainly make us healthier and more productive, both in the classroom and in society.

In concert

Rhonda Vincent, above, and the Rave, the Chuckwagon Gang, Doyle Lawson and Quicksilver and Paul Williams and the Victory Trio enabled ICC to contribute a record donation to the Regional Rehabilitation Center, following the Mar. 2 concert at the Davis Event Center.

Graduation...It Matters!
Deadline to participate in May...March 29.

BRIEFLY Speaking

APPLY NOW FOR GRADUATION

Students who plan to earn degrees at the end of the 2013 spring semester should apply online now at www.iccms.edu.

In addition, August candidates who are within six hours of graduation and plan to complete them at the end of the summer can participate in the May ceremony.

The deadline for application for May graduation is Mar. 29.

WIRED MINISTRIES TO PRESENT THELIGHTSHOW, WEDNESDAY

ICC's WIRED Ministries will present "THE LIGHTSHOW," a night of praise, worship, mime, praise dancers, choirs, poets and Christian art, at 6:30 p.m., Mar. 27, in the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center auditorium at the Fulton Campus.

The public is invited to attend. Admission is free.

For more information, contact group sponsor Kelvin Harris Jr. at kxharris@iccms.edu.

SIGN UP FOR ICC ALERT

ICC ALERT is a mass notification system that enables ICC to inform students, faculty and staff of any emergencies or imminent weather or other danger situations. This also includes class closure because of inclement weather. Messages are sent via text, voice, email and phone. To sign up,

1. Log on to the GO2ICC portal using your user name and password/

2. Click on the ICC ALERT tab.

3. You are now at your dashboard and can provide the contact information to receive messages.

For assistance with technical issues, contact the TIS Help Desk at (662) 862-8295 or TIS_support@iccms.edu.

APRIL 1: DEADLINE FOR HEALTH PROGRAMS

April 1 is the deadline for submission of applications for several health-related programs at Itawamba Community College.

They include associate degree nursing, practical nursing, radiologic technology, respiratory therapy, emergency medical technology - paramedic, health information technology, occupational therapy assistant and surgical technology.

All of the health programs except for EMT will be located in the Health Science Education Center at the Tupelo Campus beginning this fall.

For more information about program requirements or to apply, access ICC's website at www.iccms.edu.

ROOM CLAIM/RECLAIM SET FOR LATE APRIL

Housing reclaim will begin at Itawamba Community College, Apr. 22 at 8:30 a.m. in the housing office on the Fulton Campus.

Students who wish to remain in their present room assignment for the 2013 fall semester should sign up in the housing office that day, according to Chad Case, director of Housing.

Apr. 24 will be the day for students to claim a different room in the same building or another building, Case said. "It is important that students do not sign up twice because it really causes confusion."

In order to participate in room claim and reclaim, students must present a copy of their schedule for the 2013 fall semester.

The office is open until 4:30 p.m. each day.

ELECTION

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A message will be displayed asking for the vote(s) to be confirmed. After the vote is confirmed, it will be recorded and the elections that have votes remaining will be displayed. Vote counts are reported anonymously.

SGA officers act for the students in all affairs as an advisory group to student organizations and the administration in all matters of student affairs, investigate overall student organizations other than the student government and assist in all student elections including the SGA if they are not on the ballot, according to Buddy Collins, vice president of Student Services.

"SGA is an empowering organization that helps prepare students for their future role as leaders," Collins said.

Counselor Will Bunch guides Paige Philamlee through the scholarship application process.

April 1 is deadline for private donor scholarships

Chieftain Reports

April 1 is the deadline to apply for private donor scholarships at Itawamba Community College

According to counselor Will Bunch, the scholarships are given and funded for ICC students by individuals, businesses, industries or organizations.

The criteria and dollar amount for the scholarships vary according to the donations and specifications of the donors.

Interested applicants should read the requirements and application procedures for each scholarship.

Applications can be printed from ICC's website, www.iccms.edu, from the scholarship section.

Private donor scholarships include

Anson Aven Memorial Scholarship — Must be a TIS work study student, a computer major or student with exceptional need;

Honorable Sharion R. Aycock Endowed Scholarship — Must have a 3.0 or better GPA; either English, political science or history major and stated intent to pursue a law degree;

Bellsouth Scholarship — Must have a 2.5 or better GPA;

W.O. Benjamin Memorial Endowed Scholarship — Must have a 3.0 or better GPA;

Board of Trustees Scholarship — For deserving students entering ICC;

W.E. Boggs Endowed Scholarship — Must be full-time and have a 3.0 or better GPA;

Dr. Thomas and Martha Bourland Burch Endowed Scholarship — Must be full-time and maintain a 2.5 or better GPA;

John and Beth Cleveland Endowed Scholarship — Must be a full-time student majoring in math, science or engineering field of study;

Dana Grissom Cockrell Memorial Scholarship — Must be an Itawamba County resident majoring in a medical-related field, full-time student and maintain a 2.5 GPA or higher;

David and Betty Cole Endowed Scholarship — Must be full-time student with a 3.0 GPA;

Jimmie Uval Crane Memorial Scholarship — Must be a full-time student with at least a 2.5 GPA;

John S. Crubaugh Memorial Endowed Scholarship — Must be a full-time student with a 3.0 GPA;

Dexter Digby Scholarship — Must be an entering freshman from Itawamba County;

Claude Faulkner Memorial Scholarship — Must be a sophomore majoring in computer information systems technology;

Jane Summerford Floyd Scholarship — Must attend either Fulton United Methodist Church or Tupelo First Baptist Church;

Carolyn Franks Memorial Endowed Scholarship — Must have a 2.0 or better GPA;

Fulton Lion's Club Scholarship — Must be an IAHS graduate;

Ann Stubblefield Gibbs Endowed Honorary Scholarship — Must be an education major with a 2.0 or better GPA;

Dorothy W. Gibbs Memorial Endowed Scholarship — Must be an education major;

Chris Hayden Endowed Memorial Scholarship — Must be an art major with a 2.0 or better GPA;

Wilson L. Heering Memorial Endowed Scholarship — Must be full-time student employed by Mueller Brass of Fulton or child or grandchild of an employee with at least a 2.5 GPA. A 150-word essay must also be submitted to Will Bunch at whbunch@iccms.edu;

Herrick Foundation Endowed Scholarship — Preference given to adult learners;

Dorothy Hobson "Pass Along" Scholarship — Must have a 2.0 or better GPA and reside in Itawamba County;

Maranda Darlene Ray Little Memorial Endowed Scholarship — Must have a 2.0 or better GPA and reside in Itawamba County;

Susan Loden Memorial Scholarship — Awarded to an IAHS graduate in 2013;

L.L. "Pat" McCarthy Memorial Endowed Scholarship — Must be a nursing student from Itawamba County;

Ouida Kennedy McDaniel Academic Endowed Scholarship — Applicants must have made all A's for the previous two semesters;

Dixie Medlin Memorial Scholarship — Must be a sophomore health information technology major with a 3.0 or better GPA;

Pat Miles Special Needs Memorial Endowed Scholarship — Preferably for an incoming freshman. Application should include applicant's biography and life goals;

Dudley Miller Memorial Athletic Endowed Scholarship — First consideration will be full-time in-district football player. Interested applicants should contact Buddy Collins, (662) 862-8271;

Mississippi Association of Supervisors Scholarship — Must be a resident of Chickasaw, Itawamba, Lee, Monroe or Pontotoc county;

Mississippi Manufacturers Association Scholarship — Selected on the basis of scholastic ability and financial need;

Edgar Irwin Moore and Ruth Moore Endowed Forestry Scholarship — Must be a forestry major;

Bonnie Ruth Gibbs Owens Memorial Endowed Scholarship — Must be a full-time education major with at least a 2.5 GPA;

George W. Owens and Mae H. Owens Endowed Scholarship — Each applicant must submit an original essay and two letters of recommendation to Will Bunch, whbunch@iccms.edu;

Kelly Wade Prestage Memorial Scholarship — Must be a graduate of IAHS with a minimum 2.0 GPA;

Quail Unlimited Scholarship — Must be a resident of Itawamba, Lee, Monroe or Tishomingo county;

Chris Ratliff Memorial Scholarship — Applicants must demonstrate involvement with youth and plan to become a coach and mentor to youth;

Tom Robinson Family Scholarship — Financial need and must maintain a 2.0 GPA;

Winford Junior Rogers Scholarship — Must be a resident of Ozark or Mantachie communities in Itawamba County;

Dorothy D. and George H. Ruff Foundation Vocational Technical Endowed Scholarship — Must be a student, preferably in an automotive program;

Dorothy D. and George H. Ruff Foundation Vocational Technical Special Needs Scholarship — Must be a student, preferably in an automotive program;

Nick Sabine Endowed Scholarship — Must be full-time student, a graduate of IAHS and a Mississippi resident;

Phillip A. Sheffield Memorial Endowed Scholarship — Must have a 3.0 or better GPA;

Jonathan D. Shelton and Jason Lee Shelton Endowed Scholarship — Must be a pre-law, political science, criminal justice or paralegal major with a 2.5 GPA;

Shoaf Creek Hunting Club Scholarship — Must be an entering freshman from Lee, Monroe or Itawamba County who will major in forestry;

Jo and Travis Staub Scholarship — Must be a BancorpSouth employee or child or grandchild of a BancorpSouth employee, preferably an Itawamba County resident;

Sherry Senter Stubblefield and Nancy Senter Presley Endowed Scholarship — Must have a 2.5 or better GPA;

Suzanne Summerford Endowed Scholarship — Must be a worthy student with a medially discernible impairment;

Christopher Neil Thomas Memorial Endowed Scholarship — Must be a deserving student from Nettleton High School, full-time with at least a 2.5 GPA;

Edna Fisher Todd Scholarship — Must be a business major;

Adam N. Wages Memorial Endowed Scholarship — Priority given to North Pontotoc High School graduates;

Walmart Endowed Scholarship — Deserving students with at least a 2.5 GPA;

R.T. (Mickey) West Memorial Scholarship — Must be a forestry major;

Glyn and Martha Wiygul Scholarship — Must have at least a 2.0 GPA and financial need;

Wayne Wood Memorial Scholarship — Must be an IAHS graduate;

Matthew Turner Memorial Scholarship — Must be graduating senior of Tremont High School with at least a 3.0 GPA, 16 or higher ACT score and a Mississippi resident.

For more information, contact Will Bunch in the Student Affairs office in the Student Services Building on the Fulton Campus or email whbunch@iccms.edu.

Commentary

From the Sideline

Enjoy the journey

Remember saying when you were growing up that you wanted to be famous?

You spent hours pretending to be the rock star on stage or the MVP quarterback. Maybe Michael Jordan making the game-winning shot?

Whether it was being a rock star or a sports figure or in the case of my son, a WWE champion, we have all had dreams for which we would sacrifice almost anything.

ICC has produced many successful athletes, those who not only dreamed of being famous, but who are.

For example, there's Duce Staley, a running back in 1993 and 1994. He returned to his native South Carolina and after graduation from USC, he was drafted by the Philadelphia Eagles in 1997 and later played for the Pittsburgh Steelers. Recently, he's been hired by the Eagles as running backs coach.

Then, there's Darius Slay, a member of ICC's football team in 2009 who transferred to Mississippi State. He's most likely to land a spot in the NFL after his Combine showing last month.

Next is Bud Davis (1925-2013), who had a stellar coaching career in men's basketball at Itawamba Junior College. He led the Indians to five North Division championships, two state championships and two undefeated seasons. His undefeated teams, 1960-61 and 1961-62, are known as the "Team of the Century."

Coach Nanci Gray, who has led the Lady Indians for the last seven years, is taking her 2012-13 team to Hutchinson, Kan. this week to play in the national tournament. She was on ICC's first women's basketball state championship team in 1975. After sending more than 27 years in high school education, 17 as a head coach, Gray led the Lady Indians to 2012 and 2008 state championships, for which she was named the MACJC Coach of the Year, and the 2013 Region 23 championship earlier this month.

Among other noteworthy IJC/ICC alumni are Odie Armstrong, Aubrayo Franklin, Kareem Moore, Lemarcus Rowell, Desmoine Ware, Tim Bowens, Ron Dixon, Ernest Dye, Jason Ferguson, Norman Hand, Joe Horn and Tim Dillard.

The pursuit of their dreams took hard work, dedication and a positive attitude.

From the list of ICC's successful athletes, it's evident that the **best DO start here!**

Itawamba Community College offers the ability to achieve a wide range of goals, and people from all walks of life have left their mark. Whether it be in nursing, law, business, education or a multitude of other areas, successful people have started their dreams at ICC.

Just like each of ICC's successful alumni, each of us is writing our own success story.

It's opportunity knocking, so dream big. Success, character, discipline and hard work are the keys. Enjoy the journey while shaping the destination!

Lady Indians Region 23 Champs

Jasmine Hampton raises the Region 23 Championship trophy. (*Photo courtesy of Kevin Maloney, Northwest Mississippi Community College)*

LADY INDIANS WIN Region 23 title

Chieftain Reports

ICC's women's basketball team's season ended last week in Salina, Kan., but not before it had claimed the Region 23 title.

ICC's Lady Indians earned a trip to the NJCAA national tournament with a 58-57 win over Baton Rouge Community College in the Region 23 championship game played at Clinton.

ICC's road to Salina started at the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges State Basketball Tournament at Pearl River Community College with a 50-41 win over Southwest Mississippi Community College, but the Lady Indians dreams of back-to-back state titles came to a heartbreaking end in a 61-60 semifinal loss to Copiah-Lincoln Community College.

The Lady Indians redeemed themselves, however, throughout their three-game stretch to the national tournament.

In the opening round of the Region 23 tournament at Mississippi College, the Lady Indians snatched a 70-51 victory over the Northwest Mississippi Community College Lady Rangers behind 20 points from Ty-Nita Baker of Houston along with 16 points and eight rebounds by Jasmine Hampton of Bruce, followed up with a near triple-double performance by Ayanna Lynn of Gentry with 18 points, eight rebounds and eight assists.

In the semifinal round and a rematch of the state tournament, the Lady Indians redeemed themselves with a 62-56 victory over the Copiah-Lincoln Lady Wolves. Baker had another 20-point effort, and Hampton scored 10 points in the win.

In the Region 23 championship game, freshman point guard Leslie Robinson of Belmont hit a pair of free throws with 0.5 seconds left in the game to send ICC to the national tournament.

Hampton, Lynn and Tia Coleman of Memphis, Tenn. each scored a team-high 11 points with Hampton recording a double-double by grabbing 11 rebounds along with a double-double performance from Lynn who dished out 11 assists.

In the national tournament, the Lady Indians fell 57-46 to No. 5 Northwest Florida State last Tuesday.

Trailing 36-33 at halftime, ICC opened the second half on a 10-minute scoring drought allowing Northwest Florida to climb out to a 10-point advantage before a three-pointer by Baker trimmed the lead to nine with under three minutes to play, but the overwhelming size advantage of Northwest Florida State helped the Lady Raiders pull away.

The Lady Indians finished 19-10 on the season.

Lady Indians expect state title

JASON CARITHERS

Sports Editor

Itawamba Community College's tennis season is under way, and coach Paul Johnson and the Lady Indians again have state championship expectations.

Among the team members is sophomore Amy Evans. "ICC has given me great experience," said Evans, who helped organize a tennis team in her native Australia.

On Mar. 2, the No. 20 Lady Indians swept Gulf Coast, 9-0. "The girls came out with a lot of focus and determination compared to yesterday," Johnson said. "They had a refuse-to-lose attitude and really did a good job of feeding off each other's momentum throughout the day."

The Lady Indians got things going when No. 1 doubles duo Evans and Katherine Downing of Pontotoc defeated Britney Buker and Kit Chowdhary, 8-2. No. 2 Anna-Blair Hunt of Senatobia and Theresa Jackson of Clarksdale took care of Mary King and Aliesha Barlow, 8-4, before Frankie Turner of Pontotoc and Amber Frederick of Shannon hung on to defeat Sarah Sores and Megan Fortenelle, 9-7, in doubles action.

"It was important for us to get something going early," Johnson said. "I felt like if they could play solid in their doubles matches, it would be able to carry over to their singles matches."

Such was the case as the Lady Indians swept singles play. Evans picked up the No. 1 win after Buker had to forfeit her singles match. No. 2 Downing defeated Chowdhary, 6-2, 6-1, while Hunt picked up 6-3, 6-4 wins over King in the No. 3 matchup. No. 4 Stephens took care of Sores, 6-3, while Jackson defeated Fortenelle, 6-0, 6-3 in No. 5 play.

"You kind of had that feeling that the girls were going to get it done today," Johnson said. "They were happy with how they played on Friday and wanted to get things going when they came out today."

Frederick battled through a tiebreaker to defeat Barlow, 6-3, 5-7 (10-6), to help the Lady Indians complete with a sweep in the No. 6 singles match.

"I was proud of Amber and her being able to fight to win her match today," Johnson said. "It's very easy for a freshman to crack under the pressure of that situation, but she kept battling and picked up a big win for her to be able to build as the season continues."

ICC golf tourney set June 27

Chieftain Reports

Itawamba Community College's athletic department has scheduled its fifth annual Golf Classic for June 27 at the Tupelo Country Club.

Registration for the four-person scramble begins at 10 a.m., and tee time is 12:35 p.m.

The fee is $400 per team, which includes 18 holes of golf with cart, range balls prior to the tournament, complimentary dinner following completion of play, one mulligan, closest to hole on Par 3, longest drive on Par 5, team photo and gift.

Registration deadline is June 15.

For more information, call (662) 862-8123, (662) 862-8274 or (662) 862-8115.

Baseball, softball battle opponents, weather

JASON CARITHERS

Sports Editor

With baseball in full swing, the Itawamba Community College Indians have played in sunshine, rain and snow.

At press time, they were 6-8.

Batting Average

Ethan Gill, .406; Jake Smith, .405; Cody Shrewsbury, .359; Brayden Owen, .312; Drew Wheeler, .308;

Home Runs

Gill, 2; Owen, 1; Tyler Tipton, 1;

Runs Batted In

Gill, 13; Tipton, 9; Shrewsbury, 7; Owen, 5; Jacob Shempert, 4;

Stolen Bases

Tipton, 2; Wheeler, Jake Smith, Anthony Mallard, Shrewsbury, 1 each;

Earned Run Average

J. Smith, 1.64; Ben Hudspeth, 2.65; Dylan Earnest, 3.00; Tyler Nelms, 6.35; Ben Aldridge, 7.45;

Strikeouts

Hudspeth, 16; Earnest, 16; J. Smith, 12; Aldridge, 8;Nelms, 8;

Wins

Hudspeth, 2; Will Cockrell, J. Smith, Earnest, 1 each;

Saves

Collin Minga, 1

Top photo, ICC's Anthony Mallard watches for the "stop sign" as he heads to the base. Bottom photo, Lady Indians' Lauren Lewis waits to connect with the ball.

AT A GLANCE

Tennis

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
3-25	Northeast	Away	2 p.m.
4-2	East Central	Home	TBA
4-4	Northwest	Home	TBA
4-6	Jones County	Home	TBA
4-13	Holmes	Home	9 a.m.

Baseball

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
3-23	East Central	Decatur	1/4 p.m.
3-26	Northeast	Booneville	1/3:30 p.m.
3-29	MS Delta	Fulton	2/5 p.m.
4-3	Holmes	Goodman	3//6 p.m.
4-6	East MS	Scooba	1/3:30 p.m.
4-9	Northwest	Fulton	3/6 p.m.
4-13	Coahoma	Clarksdale	1/4 p.m.
4-17	East Central	Fulton	3/6 p.m.
4-20	Northeast	Fulton	3/5:30 p.m.
4-23	MS Delta	Moorhead	1/4p.m.
4-27	Holmes	Fulton	3/6 p.m.

Softball

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
3-26	Northeast	Fulton	3/5 p.m.
4-2	Jackson State	Fulton	1/3 p.m.
4-3	East MS	Scooba	3/5 p.m.
4-6	Holmes	Goodman	12/2 p.m.
4-9	Northwest	Fulton	2/4 p.m.
4-13	Hinds	Fulton	1/3 p.m.
4-14	Gadsden St.	Away	2/4 p.m.
4-17	Coahoma	Fulton	1/3 p.m.
4-20	MS Delta	Moorhead	1/3 p.m.
4-23	Northeast	Booneville	3/5 p.m.
4-27	East MS	Fulton	12/2 p.m.

'Don't throw ball away' Adams challenges

Chieftain Reports

From 1995-97 Amory native Frederick Adams was a member of Itawamba Community College's football team.

Today, the Rev. Frederick Adams Sr. is minister of The Word Church in Tupelo. He returned to the Fulton Campus, Feb. 20, to present the Black History Month program, which was sponsored by the Student Government Association.

"The ball is in your court," Adams told the large audience in the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center auditorium. Using the basketball analogy, he challenged listeners to "do something positive with your decisions because we have opportunities in today's society, unlike the people from our past might have had."

With John 5 as the basis for his program, Adams said that Jesus asked the paralyzed or struggling man if he wanted to get up, did he want to change? "We must make the choice," he emphasized. "He had a history of being at the pool. The ball was now in his court."

Adams' advice also included, "It is not what people call you that's important, it's what you answer to;" "to have what you've never had, you must do what you've never done;" and "no one can beat you at being yourself."

"No matter what the situation is, the ball is still in your court," Adams said. "You must rise above. Many people died so we could have a right, so what are you going to do?"

He noted that three people invented Facebook so that they could stay in contact with their friends and now it's worldwide. "If we can accept people we don't even know as friends on Facebook, then why not accept Jesus Christ as our personal savior? Make sure no matter what you do, you don't throw the ball away," he challenged.

Adams and his wife, Summer, are the parents of three children, Michaiah, Frederick Jr. and Frederick III.

Other program participants included Fulton Campus SGA officers Nolen Hood, Nicole Taylor, Brandon Tutor and Trevor Hood; Kit Thorn, the winner of the 2012 Indian Idol competition; and Krevious Crudup, who performed an interpretive dance.

Members of the Gospel Sounds perform during the Black History program sponsored by the Fulton Campus Student Government Association, Feb. 20. Inset, Speaker the Rev. Frederick Adams Sr. and his family are pictured with SGA officers including Nolen Hood, president.

Reid-Bunch receives award

Dr. Jan Reid-Bunch, dean of Academic Instruction at ICC, visits with John and Suanne Roueche recently in Dallas, Tex. She received the League for Innovation Excellence award that bears their name.

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